

Remarks

In an Advisory Action dated August 29, 2006, the Examiner indicated his entry of the cancellation of claims 29, 30 and 34 to 42 and the amendment of claims 1 to 4, 17 to 28 and 31 to 33 as requested in Applicants' response filed on August 4, 2006. The Examiner also indicated his allowance of claims 1 to 16, 31 to 33, 43 and 44 and summarized his maintained rejection of claims 17 to 28 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as allegedly lacking adequate written description and enabling disclosure in the specification.

On September 7, 2006, the undersigned had a telephonic interview with the Examiner in which the reasons for the rejection of method claims 20 to 22 were briefly addressed. The Examiner advised that if the rejected claims were to be cancelled that Applicants file an amendment and response requesting reconsideration of the claims as amended. The undersigned appreciates the Examiner taking the time to discuss this matter.

Without acquiescing to the merits of this rejection, claims 17 to 28 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and with the understanding that Applicants may pursue the subject matter encompassed by the cancelled claims in a continuation application. With all rejected claims now cancelled, Applicants believe that the subject application is now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Upon consideration of the foregoing, it will be recognized that Applicants have fully and appropriately responded to all of the Examiner's rejections. Accordingly, all claims are believed to be in proper form in all respects and a favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **constructive petition for extension of time** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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